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b) adding solid particles to said liquid dishwashing detergent composition;
said particles being coated with a polymeric coating which is insoluble in said liquid
dishwashing detergent composition but soluble in dishwashing solution.

11. (New) The process according to claim 1, wherein said polymeric coating is soluble in the
dishwashing solution and leaves no significant residue.

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12. (New) The process according to claim 1, wherein said polymeric coating is prepared from
materials selected from the group consisting of alkyl cellulose ethers and polyvinyl alcohol.

13. (New) The process according to claim 12, wherein said polymeric coating is formed from
methyl cellulose.

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14. (New) The process according to claim 13, wherein said polymeric coating is formed from
methyl cellulose having a molecular weight in a range of from about 5,000 to about 100,000.

15. (New) The process according to claim 1, wherein said polymeric coating is formed from
alginate.

16. (New) The process according to claim 1, wherein said particles are insoluble in the liquid
dishwashing detergent composition.

17. (New) The process according to claim 1, wherein said particles are present in said liquid
dishwashing detergent composition in an amount in a range of from about 0.1% to about
5.0% by weight.

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18. (New) The process according to claim 17, wherein said particles are present in said liquid
dishwashing detergent composition in an amount in a range of from about 0.2% to about
1.0% by weight.

19. (New) The process according to claim 1, wherein said particles are coated with a
polymeric coating by a process comprising the steps of:

- a) forming a sprayable aqueous solution of a polymeric material, said polymeric material
being selected from the group consisting of alkyl cellulose ether and polyvinyl
alcohol;

wherein said polymeric material being present in said sprayable aqueous solution in an
amount in a range of from about 1% to about 20% by weight.

20. (New) The process according to claim 19, wherein said polymeric material is present in said sprayable aqueous solution in an amount in a range of from about 3% to about 10% by weight.

21. (New) The process according to claim 19, wherein the temperature of said sprayable aqueous solution is maintained within a range of from about 30 °C to about 40 °C while spraying.

22. (New) A liquid dishwashing detergent product having enhanced aesthetics, comprising:

- a) a liquid automatic dishwashing composition; and
- b) solid particles, said particles being coated with a polymeric coating, and said coating being prepared from materials selected from the group consisting of alkyl cellulose ethers, polyvinyl alcohol and alginate;

wherein said particles are adapted to remain undissolved in said liquid automatic dishwashing detergent composition until said composition is used in an automatic dishwasher; and wherein said liquid automatic dishwashing detergent product does not cause a significant increase in filming of glassware or dishware as compared to a liquid automatic dishwashing detergent product not having said particles.

23. (New) A liquid dishwashing detergent product having enhanced aesthetics, comprising:

- a) a liquid hand dishwashing composition; and
- b) solid particles, said particles being coated with a polymeric coating, said coating being prepared from materials selected from the group consisting of alkyl cellulose ethers, polyvinyl alcohol and alginate;

wherein said particles are adapted to remain undissolved in said liquid hand dishwashing detergent composition until said composition is used to hand wash dishes; and wherein said liquid dishwashing detergent product does not cause a significant increase in filming or residues left on kitchen as compared to a dishwashing detergent product not having said particles.

24. (New) The liquid automatic dishwashing detergent product according to claim 22, wherein said polymeric coating is soluble in the automatic dishwashing wash solution and leaves no significant residue.

25. (New) The liquid automatic dishwashing detergent product according to claim 22, wherein said polymeric coating is formed from methyl cellulose having a molecular weight in a range of from about 5,000 to about 100,000.

26. (New) The liquid automatic dishwashing detergent product according to claim 22, wherein said particles are insoluble in the liquid automatic dishwashing detergent composition.

27. (New) The liquid automatic dishwashing detergent product according to claim 22, further including one or more of an enzyme, a nonionic low foaming surfactant, a dispersant polymer, an alkalinity forming agent, a phosphate builder, a bleaching species, and a pH adjusting component.

28. (New) The liquid automatic dishwashing detergent product according to claim 22, wherein said detergent product delivers a wash solution pH in a range of from about 8.0 to about 12.0.

29. (New) The liquid automatic dishwashing detergent product according to claim 22, further including from about 0.5% to about 20% of a dispersant polymer selected from the group consisting of polyacrylates and polyacrylate copolymers.

30. (New) The liquid automatic dishwashing detergent product according to claim 22, wherein said polymeric coating and said liquid automatic dishwashing composition are both colored, and having color combinations for said prill coating:said liquid composition, selected from the group consisting of blue:blue, blue:white, green:green, green:white and green:yellow.

31. (New) The liquid automatic dishwashing detergent product according to claim 23, wherein said polymeric coating is formed from methyl cellulose having a molecular weight in a range of from about 5,000 to about 100,000.

32. (New) The liquid automatic dishwashing detergent product according to claim 23, wherein said particles are insoluble in the liquid hand dishwashing detergent composition.

33. (New) The liquid dishwashing detergent product according to claim 22, wherein said polymeric coating and said liquid automatic dishwashing composition are both colored, and having color combinations for said prill coating: said liquid composition, selected from the group consisting of blue:blue, blue:white, green:green, green:white and green:yellow.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS


The support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. Claim 1 has been amended for clarity. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, *inter alia*, 37 CFR 1.75. No new matter is added. Claims 1 and 11-33 are now pending in this application.

Attached are marked up changes.

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